

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 remain pending.

Because no amendments have been made, no new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness rejection of Claims 1-18 in view of Khanarian. Khanarian does not disclose or suggest that the light exit surface of the light guiding layer have structurings. The presence of structurings, along with all of the other features in, for example, Claim 1, produces a superior and unexpected result.

Applicants have submitted, along with the paper, a declaration. In the declaration, two sets of light guide bodies (sheets), Sheet I and II, and Sheet III and IV, are made and evaluated for light intensity and uniformity of light intensity of emitted light. Sheet I (of the invention) was compared to Sheet II (not of the invention – missing spherical particles) with the results shown in Table 1, page 5 of the declaration. The data in Table 1 clearly show that Sheet I - of the invention - displays both a superior light intensity and a superior uniformity of light intensity of emitted light, when compared to Sheet II - not of the invention. That this superior result was unexpected is at the bottom of page 1 and the top of page 2 of the declaration.

Similarly, Sheet III (of the invention) and Sheet IV (not of the invention) were also evaluated for light intensity and uniformity of light intensity of emitted light. Sheet III contained polystyrene pearls, whereas in Sheet IV there were no polystyrene pearls. As shown by the data in Table 2 at page 9 of the declaration, Sheet III – of the invention - displayed both a superior light intensity and a superior uniformity of light intensity of emitted light when compared to Sheet IV – not of the invention.

Because the presently claimed light-guide body contains structurings, which are not found in Khanarian, the presently claimed light-guide body produces an unexpected and

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superior result of superior light intensity and superior uniformity of light intensity of emitted light, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness rejection.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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